

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend independent Claims 1 and dependent Claim 6. Please add new independent Claim 17 and dependent Claims 18-25. All presently pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently Amended) A steerable snow scooter comprising:

- a) a bi-laterally pivotable independent forward portion for traveling over snow ~~wherein,~~ and being configured such that a forward pitch angle of the forward portion is angularly adjustable to a chosen orientation in relation to a horizontal plane to select a desired forward pitch, the forward portion being further configured such that the forward pitch angle is non-movably securable following angular adjustment thereof into the chosen orientation;
- b) a hand-operable direction controller in communication with the forward portion, said controller comprising a stem with a first end thereof in attached communication with the forward portion and a second end thereof bearing a handle bar set for grasping; and
- c) an independent rearward portion for traveling over snow, said rearward portion in pivotal communication with the stem by a slotted pivotal joint for selectively folding the stem between a generally vertical orientation and a generally horizontal orientation and having a support surface upon which to stand.

2. (Original) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the forward portion is a first length and the rearward portion is a second length greater than the first length.

3. (Original) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 1 additional comprising a stop member for limiting bilateral pivotability of the forward portion.

4. (Previously Cancelled)

5. (Original) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 1 additionally comprising a brake member for stopping the snow scooter during travel on snow.

6. (Currently Amended) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 1 5 additionally comprising a wherein the rearward portion has a support surface and the brake member for stopping the snow scooter during travel within snow has a brake plate and configured to stopping the snow scooter by creating resistance within the snow when downward pressure is applied on a the support surface on said plate in an area above the brake plate such that the brake plate is moved into contact with the snow.

Claims 7-12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Previously Added) A steerable snow scooter according to Claim 1, wherein said forward portion is configured in a parabolic shape.

14. (Previously Added) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 1, wherein said rearward portion is configured in a parabolic shape.

15. (Previously Added) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 1, wherein said rearward portion includes a grooved under-surface.

16. (Previously Added) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 1, wherein said stem is configured to be adjustable in length.

17. (New) A steerable snow scooter comprising:

- a) a bi-laterally pivotable independent forward portion for traveling over snow and being configured such that a forward pitch angle of the forward portion is angularly adjustable to a chosen orientation in relation to a horizontal plane, the forward portion being further configured such that the forward pitch angle is non-movably securable following angular adjustment thereof into the chosen orientation;
- b) a hand-operable direction controller in communication with the forward portion; and
- c) an independent rearward portion for traveling over snow, said rearward portion in secured communication with the forward portion and a generally horizontal orientation and having a support surface upon which to stand.

18. (New) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 17 wherein the forward portion is a first length and the rearward portion is a second length greater than the first length.

19. (New) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 17 additional comprising a stop member for limiting bi-lateral pivotability of the forward portion.

20. (New) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 17 additionally comprising a brake member for stopping the snow scooter during travel on snow.

21. (New) A steerable snow scooter as claimed in Claim 20 wherein the rearward portion has a support surface and the brake member has a brake plate configured to stop the snow scooter by creating resistance within the snow when downward pressure is applied on the support surface in an area above the brake plate such that the brake plate is moved into contact with the snow.

22. (New) A steerable snow scooter according to Claim 17, wherein said forward portion is configured in a parabolic shape.

23. (New) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 17, wherein said rearward portion is configured in a parabolic shape.

24. (New) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 17, wherein said rearward portion includes a grooved under-surface.

25. (New) The steerable snow scooter according to Claim 17, wherein said stem is configured to be adjustable in length.